

Grants for Demonstration Projects in High-Performance Design using LEED™

Rebuild Colorado, a program of the Governor's Office of Energy Management and Conservation, offers assistance to state and local governments to help design new buildings that will save year after year on utility costs, yet that are more comfortable, better lit, and affordable to build. A limited number of grants of \$20,000 each are available for the grant recipient to hire a high-performance design specialist who will facilitate an integrated design process and oversee the LEED approach. LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design), developed by the U.S. Green Building Council, is a consensus-based national standard for designing high-performance, sustainable buildings. (See <http://www.usgbc.org/> for more information about LEED.)

Rebuild Colorado seeks projects with the following characteristics:

Scope and Timeline

- Building will be for a state agency, college or university, school district, city or county, or special district (highest priority is for state-owned facilities)
- Design will be for a new building, major addition, or large-scale renovation
- Project size is at least 40,000 square feet
- Funding is already secured for construction, or a firm plan is in place to achieve funding
- Design is in the earliest stage (pre-design stage or earlier)
- Construction is planned to begin soon after design

Commitment

- Decision-makers agree to establish LEED as a desired goal
- An internal champion is identified to coordinate the effort
- The design team is committed to using an integrated design approach and to follow LEED
- Decision-makers are willing to consider energy efficient and environmentally sensitive alternatives
- Commissioning will be incorporated as a standard part of the construction process

Potential for Success

- Likely success of applying LEED principles (LEED certification is desired, but not required)
- Strong chance of successful results (experienced design team, strong commitment)
- Owner is planning to build additional buildings that will likely incorporate the LEED process

Demonstration Potential

- First-time use of the LEED approach
- Type of building is representative of potential new buildings in Colorado
- Building will be open to the public
- Building owner is willing to publicly share project results

Please share your project idea with us for potential grant funding:

- Contact name, institution name, address, phone, fax, e-mail.
- Brief project overview addressing the points above, including project budget
- Send to:

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Projects will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis.